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SUBJECT: MRS. GANDHI'S COMMENTS ON US AND VIETNAM

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1. ONLY ONE NEW DELHI PAPER (THE CONGRESS PARTY-CONTROLLED NATIONAL HERALD) CARRIES A REPORT TODAY OF ALLEGED COMMENTS BY MRS. GANDHI TO THE CONGRESS PARLIAMENTARY PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY 7. NEVERTHELESS, THE REPORT HAS A PLAUSIBLE SOUND AND THE NEWSPAPER IS USUALLY QUITE RELIABLE ON THE PM'S STATEMENTS.

2. MRS. GANDHI IS SAID TO HAVE REITERATED THAT IN RECENT SPEECHES SHE HAD NOT MADE ANY ANTI-US REMARKS. SHE HAD OFFERED HER ASSESSMENT OF US VIETNAM POLICY AND HER VIEW THAT, DESPITE US SUPPORT, THE THIEU REGIME WOULD NOT LAST. BY SAYING THIS SHE WAS NOT VOICING ANTI-US SENTIMENTS. IN THE SAME WAY SHE HAD EARLIER SAID THAT BANGLADESH WOULD BE FREE BUT THE US HAD NOT ACCEPTED THAT ASSESSMENT.

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3. MRS. GANDHI IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT THE VIETNAMESE

WERE DEEPLY NATIONALIST AND WHILE THEY MIGHT BUILD A
COMMUNIST SOCIETY, IT WOULD BE AN INDEPENDENT COMMUNIST
SOCIETY WHICH WOULD BE NEITHER PRO-CHINESE NOR PRO-
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